



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND  
ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON**

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## The Holy Family

26 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	<b>4.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
27 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family	Sunday	<b>9.00am 11.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents	Monday		Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Hutton Family
29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas of Canterbury	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Private Intention (SD)
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	Wednesday	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	Lord Anthony and Lady Mary Gainsborough RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>10.30 am – 12 noon</b>	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
31 <sup>st</sup> December	St Sylvester	Thursday		Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (AH)
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Friday		Holy Mass	Peter Dean RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	<b>4.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Rita Dawson RIP
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Second Sunday after Christmas	Sunday	<b>11.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community

**Please note:**

**If you wish to attend Holy Mass on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, please ring Maria on 01572 722308 to book a place or email [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)**

**Please note that no bookings are taken for the weekend Masses after Thursday at 6.00 pm.**

<b>Parish Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a></b>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk">rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk</a>
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** *Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchar, Caterina Harrison, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine and Alison Pepperdine.* If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Anniversaries †** *Betty Hope, Ethel Robinson, Ursula Stephenson, Winifred Prior, Patrick Joseph Maiden, Edward Webb, Fergus O'Brien, Anthony Lord Gainsborough, Valerie Hughes, Malcolm Gibson, William Healey, Theresa Ford, Mary Countess of Gaisborough, Harold Johnson, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Sisto Foglietta, Bruce Wigmore, Lawrence McGuire Doris Gonty, Veronica Gandy, Joseph Kennedy, William Maxwell, Mary Turnbull, Elsie Tyler, Gillian Sillars, Pat Quinn, Annie Williams, Ronald Redman*

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes           £122.50  
Loose Plate           £ 58.01  
Standing Orders    £650.00  
Total                   £830.51

Recent second collections raised:  
£35.00 for Poor and needy parishes  
£123.27 for Sea Sunday

**Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Heartfelt Thanks** Fr Stephen wishes to thank all those who have sent him cards, gifts and prayers over the Christmas period. He appreciates your kindness and generosity very much. Special thanks too for the generous donations of food for the homeless and poor at this very difficult time.

**Message from the PPC** As we reach the end of what has turned out to be an extremely traumatic year, it seems an appropriate time for us, on your behalf, to thank those people who have enabled us to continue our worship.

Fr Stephen is himself in the vulnerable category, yet he has continued to offer Mass three times a week, as well as officiating at several funerals and, in a happier vein, at two wedding as well as receiving two parishioners into the Church with another one due in the near future. This is, of course, in addition to his onerous Diocesan duties. As you may know, he is not a great lover of Zoom meetings!

Deacon Raymond, also vulnerable, has not been in the best of health and has had to curtail his parish activities but he has been working in the background and has also been kept very busy with the training of all aspirant Deacons in the Diocese.

As Parish Secretary, Maria has for some years achieved great things by ensuring the smooth running of the parish but, in addition, she has now taken on the central role among the stewards who ensure that St Joseph's remains open for services. As you know, they do this by arriving well before us in order to set everything up, marshalling us throughout Mass and remaining long after we have left in order to sanitise the church ready for the next service. Thank you to Maria, Eileen and all the stewards for the time you have put in. Thank you also to Maria and Keara for the lovely Christmas decorations.

Finally, it seems right to thank Ali Chambers and her staff at English Martyrs Academy for ensuring that the atmosphere of purpose and prayerfulness in which our children can thrive has been maintained in these difficult times.

**Homeless Visitors** Thank you for the fabulous response – please no more tins for the moment.. We now have quite a collection. Many thanks.

**COVID-19 and Vaccination**

The Bishop has received a number of letters from concerned Catholics with regards to the new vaccine which has been developed to combat the coronavirus. In September 2020, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24<sup>th</sup> September 2020). In the light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development, they have now issued a follow-up statement (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020) which can be found on the CBCEW website along with the original September statement. Please take the time to read this statement on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

**Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders** If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk). Many thanks.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk).

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk).

**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.